Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, Many brave South Dakotans serving our Armed Forces have demonstrated their courage and commitment to freedom by serving in our Nation's Military around the world; and,

Whereas, A great number of these Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen, Marines, and Coast Guardsmen have sacrificed a great deal in order to protect the freedoms we enjoy, including leaving their families, and in many cases, their children behind; and,

Whereas, Thousands of South Dakota children have at least one parent currently serving in the National Guard, Reserves, or active military duty; and,

Whereas, These children are very precious and a source of great pride and honor to us all as they are the foundation of our future; and,

Whereas, It is only fitting that we take time to celebrate their spirit, recognize their contributions, and let our servicemen and women know that while they serve this great state and nation, we are taking care of their children; and,

Whereas, The recognition of a Month of the Military Child will allow us to pay tribute to military children, because when parents serve in the military, their children serve too; and,

Whereas, A month-long salute to military children will encourage support for Operation Military Kids, youth programs for our Guard, Reserve and Active Duty military families, and other organizations established to provide local support to military children and their families:

Now, Therefore, I, Dennis Daugaard, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim April 2013 as

MONTH OF THE MILITARY CHILD

in South Dakota.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Eighteenth Day of March in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Thirteen.

Dennis Daugaard, Governor

Attest:

Jason M. Gant, Secretary of State